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Overview and Structure

The New SAT. We're ON IT.

The SAT has undergone its biggest change in 30 years. The New SAT made its debut in March 2016 and impacts students in the class of 2017 or younger. Our awesome research team has been closely monitoring the changes to make sure counselors, parents, and students get the inside scoop. And we have specific tips for the class of 2017. For a FREE consultation on your scores, [click here](#).

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The content on the New SAT is very similar to that which is on the ACT. **The major difference is in how the concepts are tested and the steps students will have to take to solve problems correctly.** Students have to reason their way through this exam by tackling problems in a linear and sequential fashion; a student's ability to process information quickly is key.

Changes You'll Love

- No penalty for wrong answers, so students don't have to worry about losing points for guessing incorrectly. (Just like on the ACT.)
- There are only 4 answer choices instead of 5. (Just like on the ACT.)
- Students may be more familiar with some of the vocabulary tested, but they will need to know multiple definitions of those words.
- Sayonara, sentence completions.

Changes You Won't Love

- Questions require multiple steps to get an answer.
- The reading passages include complex structure and vocabulary.
- Foundational math skills are more important.
- Reasoning and critical thinking skills are paramount.
- There are fewer sections on the new test, but they are longer in time than the old test.